



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
January 4, 2026**

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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

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Baptisms

By appointment, please call.
Parish Office

Marriages

Please call Parish Office at least six
months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm to
5:45pm & Saturday from 2.30pm to
3.30pm

To book Parish Hall call:

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Bulletin

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Send notices no later than 12 noon
on Wednesdays.

*Please note that bulletin notices
may be edited for
brevity or clarity.
Thank you,
Tudi MacEachern*

Parish News

Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan. 10, 4:00pm	Malia Watts	Donnie McIlhone
Sun. Jan. 11, 10:00am	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Jan. 5 11:00am	Funeral Mass for Phyllis MacDonald	
Tues. Jan. 6 6:00pm	(R) Ken MacNeil by Stan MacNeil	
Wed. Jan. 7 6:00pm	(R) Janie MacDonald by Hughie J. & Eileen Beaton	
Thu. Jan. 8 6:00pm	(R) Bernie MacDonald by Ronnie MacEachern	
Fri. Jan. 9 6:00pm	Deceased members of CWL by CWL	

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THANK YOU: The Liturgy Committee wishes to express sincere gratitude to all those who helped to prepare for the Christmas Liturgies: Decorating the church (Barb, Ed, Judy, Ann Marie, Sandy and Jane, Rod Morris, Ellen, Jeanette, those who made donations for flowers and those who used them to decorate the altars); To the KOC for setting up the crèche and donating the 10 wreaths and 2 trees; to the CWL for their financial donation for flowers; and to the ministries (lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, the choir, leaders-of-songs, altar servers, ushers, those who brought up the Offertory gifts); to Fr. Morris for his participation and his continued dedication to our parish, Fr. Sunny, for his leadership and hard work, striving to make all the liturgies meaningful and inclusive. Our parish is stronger when we all work together. Happy New Year!

Funeral Mass: Funeral Mass for **Phyllis Marie MacDonald** will be celebrated on **Monday, January 5, 2026, at 11.00am**. The visitation will be on Sunday January 4, 2026, from 2-4pm and from 7-9pm in Port Hood and Area Resting Place.

Parish Finance Council: There will be a Parish Finance Council meeting on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7pm** in the glebe.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday January 7, 2026**, from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**.

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 7:00 pm** in the glebe

Dates to Remember in 2026:

Ash Wednesday	: February 18
First Sunday of Lent	: February 22
Palm Sunday	: March 29
Holy Thursday	: April 2
Good Friday	: April 3
Easter Vigil	: April 4
Easter Sunday	: April 5

Parish Registration: You may be regularly attending **St. Peter's Church Port Hood**, but you are not registered with the parish or if you are **New to this Parish**, it is advisable that you register yourself and your family as the official members of the Parish. By registering you will get official communications from the parish and tax receipts for your contributions. To register please use a form that you will find at the back of the church and send it to the parish office.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Invite the parents of those children who would like to make their **First Reconciliation** (in the spring before Easter) and receive the **First Holy Communion** (May) and the **Confirmation** (November) this year, may contact the coordinator for Religious Education **Sheila MacIsaac at 902-631-2512**.

Our Beautiful Church: Thank you for your generous support over the years for the spiritual and material needs of our church and parish. Due to the age of the church building and other buildings of the parish, we are compelled to undertake various kinds of repair and maintenance work from time to time. For the well-being and smooth functioning of this sacred place, your support-by prayers, your presence, your service and your financial contribution-is deeply appreciated. Let us all continue to walk together, cherishing this church as our own heavenly home and working for its beauty, growth and mission. **Tax receipts will be issued for all your financial contributions. Envelopes for funding building are available at the back of the church. Donations can also be dropped in the collection box at the back of the church.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah. 60: 1) A teacher once asked her young students to draw something that reminded them of God's love. One child drew a simple star. When asked why, she said, "Because stars don't make you come to them-they shine so you can find your way." In her innocence, she captured the heart of Epiphany. God does not force Himself upon us; He shines, He invites, He guides. And like the Magi, we are free to follow that light wherever it leads.

The Feast of Epiphany invites us into a moment of revelation-God making Himself known in ways that break boundaries, overturn expectations, and illuminate the world. The readings for this Feast weave together the themes of light, promise, and divine generosity that extends far beyond Israel to embrace all nations. Isaiah's prophetic cry in the first reading, "**Arise, shine, for your light has come,**" sets the tone for the day. It is not merely a poetic image but a summons. God's light is not passive; it demands response. Isaiah envisions a world where nations are drawn toward the radiance of God's presence, where gifts flow in abundance, and where God's glory transforms darkness into hope. This vision becomes the background for the Gospel account (Mathew. 2:1-12) of the visit of Magi-foreign seekers who follow a star toward a truth they do not yet fully understand. This account is both simple and profound. These travelers from the East represent the longing of humanity for meaning, truth, and transcendence. They are outsiders, yet they are the first to recognize the newborn King. Their journey is marked by openness, perseverance, and humility. They follow a star, but more importantly, they follow a desire placed deep within them by God. Their encounter with Christ leads them to worship, to offer their gifts, and to return home "by another way"-a symbol of the transformation that genuine encounter with God always brings. St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, makes explicit what the Magi embody: the mystery now revealed is that all people-Gentiles and Jews alike-are "co-heirs" and "sharers in the promise." Epiphany is not just about a star or three gifts; it is about the radical inclusivity of God's love. The Christ revealed to the Magi is the Christ revealed to the world. No one is outside the reach of His light.

Epiphany challenges us to ask: Where is God revealing Himself today? Even though the star may not appear to lead us to God, today God continues to shine through the Scripture, through the Sacraments, through the beauty of creation, and through the people we encounter-especially those we least expect. Like the Magi, we are invited to seek, to listen, to follow, and ultimately to worship. The feast also invites us to become stars, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him-become bearers of God's light in a world that is still in darkness. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus' love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care. When we act with generosity, when we welcome the stranger, when we pursue justice, when we allow Christ to reshape our path, we become living signs or lights of God's presence. Epiphany reminds that God's revelation-the light- has come. The question is whether we will rise, follow, and allow that light to change us.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

"Remember your church in your Will"